

# CHECKING IN

Monthly Informational Mailer for Local Election Officials

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## Who files the pre-preliminary report?

Pre-preliminary reports are only due from candidates when their names appear on the preliminary ballot. **If a candidate's name does not appear on a preliminary ballot, the pre-preliminary report is not filed.** At least four preliminary election dates are being used for fall elections in 2019. These are the preliminary **reporting dates** for candidates who appear on the preliminary ballot:

Preliminary Election	Reporting Dates	Pre-Preliminary Due
1. Sept. 10	Jan. 1 to Aug. 23	Sept. 3
2. Sept. 17	Jan. 1 to Aug. 30	Sept. 9
3. Sept. 24	Jan. 1 to Sept. 6	Sept. 16
4. Oct. 8	Jan. 1 to Sept. 20	Sept. 30

## RECENT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM CLERKS AND LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS

**Q: Is a candidate required to file a M101 organizational form?**

**A: OCPF encourages all candidates to file the M101. However, if a candidate is running by himself or herself, and does not have a committee, the M101 is not required. For example, a candidate who only uses his personal funds may decide not to file the M101.**

**Q: A candidate will have an event at a local restaurant, which is organized as a LLC. The owner wants to give free drinks to the first 20 attendees. OK?**

**A: It's not OK unless the candidate pays the restaurant for the 20 drinks. LLCs are prohibited from providing goods for free to committees.**

**Q: Can a candidate use a function room at the town library for a meet and greet campaign event?**

**A: Yes, so long as there is no fundraising, and equal access is granted to all candidates under the same terms and conditions.**



### Campaign Finance training for candidates and local parties

- Somerville / Central Library / April 22 / 6 p.m.
- Lynn / City Hall / May 21 / 6:30 p.m.
- Greenfield / City Hall / May 29 / 4 p.m.
- Chicopee / City Hall / May 29 / 6:30 p.m.
- Winthrop / EB Newton Cultural Center / June 3 / 6:30 p.m.
- Brockton / City Hall / June 6 / 6:30 p.m.
- Framingham / City Hall / June 11 / 6:30 p.m.
- Revere / City Hall / June 18 / 6 p.m.

*Candidates and committees from surrounding communities may also attend.*

